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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL JAPANESE MISSION TO VIET NAM

1. JAPAN WILL DESPATCH A TWELVE-MAN, MULTI-MINISTRY MISSION TO HANOI FROM FEB. 23-MAR. 2 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE DRV-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. THE MISSION WILL BE LED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KEISUKE ARITA.

2. FONOFF FIRST SE ASIA DIV. INFORMED US THAT MISSION IS DESIGNED TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR TRADE, CIVIL AVIATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS. PACTS WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED BUT INITIAL DISCUSSION OF SUCH PACTS AND AGREEMENTS WILL BE PROBED. DEPUTY MINISTER ARITA WILL ALSO DISCUSS POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH VIETNAMESE LEADERS. A MAJOR GOAL IS TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A JAPANESE CONSULATE

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3. ACCORDING TO MITI DIR. OF NORTH ASIAN AFFAIRS DIV. SATO, WHO WILL REPRESENT MITI ON THE MISSION, THE JAPANESE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE ANY SPECIFIC TOPICS WITH THE VIETNAMESE, E.G., FERTILIZER EXPORTS OR OFF-SHORE OIL DEVELOPMENT. RATHER THE TWO SIDES WILL EXCHANGE GENERAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND PRESENT DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. SATO DID NOT, HOWEVER, RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORE CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS MAY TAKE PLACE AT VIETNAMESE INITIATIVE, BUT HE NOTED THAT ABSENCE OF KNOWLEDGEABLE SPECIALISTS, ESPECIALLY FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY, WOULD PERFORCE LIMIT DEPTH OF DISCUSSIONS.

COMMENT: MISSION RESEMBLES THE MULTI-MINISTRY DELEGATION THAT VISITED THE PRC SHORTLY AFTER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED. DESPITE SOME NEWS MEDIA SPECULATION CONCERNING OFF-SHORE OIL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANT EXPORTS, IN VIEW OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF MISSION WE DOUBT IF RESULTS WILL GO BEYOND THOSE OUTLINED BY FONOFF AND MITI CONTACTS.  
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